

REMARKS

Claims 132, 138, and 141-143 are presently under consideration.

Review of the Interview

Initially, Applicant wishes to gratefully acknowledge the courteous interview at the United States Patent and Trademark Office that was granted by the Examiner during which certain issues deemed pertinent to the present application were discussed.

Rejections under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting

The Examiner has rejected claims 132, 138, and 141-143 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 91-103 and 108-110 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 08/468,731. A Terminal Disclaimer is attached hereto, the filing of which is believed to overcome the above rejection of claims 132, 138, and 141-143 of the present invention under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

The Examiner has rejected claims 132, 138, and 141-143 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claim 11 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/530,884. Co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/530,884 is no longer active. Thus, the rejection of claims 132, 138, and 141-143 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Application No. 09/530,884 is obviated and Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

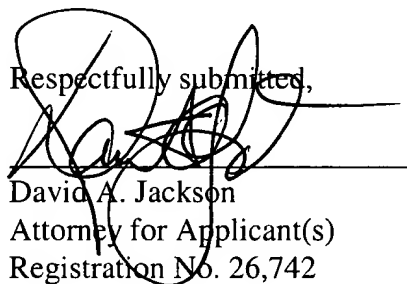
Fees

No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by this amendment. However, should this be an error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment or to credit any overpayment.

Conclusion

It is submitted, therefore, that the claims are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been introduced. Allowance of all claims at an early date is solicited. In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,



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